

Oswald's Secret Notebook

The Diary Of A Spy



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Much has been made of Lee Harvey Oswald's so-called "Communist" politics. Much has been made of his so-called ties to the Fair Play for Cuba Committee, supposedly a pro-Castro organization.

But how much of this so-called left-wing philosophy was real and how much of it was put on? And if it was a put-on, why?

The clues can be found in a small spiral notebook marked Warren Commission Exhibit No. 18. Included with what we now know about Oswald's association with the CIA, there is every indication that Exhibit 18 is the address book of a CIA spy.

Many of the entries in this notebook make no sense . . . unless they are the entries of a spy.

For example, why does the name Col. Aksonov appear on page 27? Aksonov is with the Ministry of Internal Affairs in the U.S.S.R., an organization deeply involved in secret police activities, much like our own FBI.

Or what about the strange, unexplained notation on page 29: "West Berlin F.R.G. Tempelhofer Damm". The words are accompanied by a crudely drawn map.

Or the name Col. Petrikov on page 31?

Or page 44, which is of particular interest in the area of espionage: "Jaggers-Chiles-Stoval Typography, 522 Browder, R1 15501-microdots."

On page 76, is the name, address and license plate number of an FBI agent: "Nov. 1, 1963, FBI agent (R1-1121) James P. Hosty, MU8605, 1114 Commerce St., Dallas."

Why did the FBI refuse to include this information on a list of names found in the notebook? The list of names was given to the Warren Commission minus the above information and this withholding of evidence angered more than one Commission lawyer. The Commission demanded an explanation.

On Feb. 27, 1964, FBI Agent Robert Gemberling gave a very unsatisfactory answer: "This was done because the circumstances under which Hosty's name,

et cetera, appeared in Oswald's notebook were fully known to the FBI."

Because the FBI knew, no one else apparently needed to know—not even the Warren Commission.

What Gemberling didn't add was that J. Edgar Hoover yanked Hosty out of Dallas so fast he didn't even have time to put a "For Sale" sign in front of his home. Was Hoover trying to keep something secret? Like the fact that Oswald worked for the FBI on a part-time basis, just as he had worked for the CIA?

There are other mysterious notations in Oswald's notebook. On page 89, is the word "fingerprints" next to the words "bank acc." and "mail". Why was Oswald concerned about fingerprints? And whose fingerprints?

And for a man who was supposedly so devoted to left-wing causes, it is strange indeed to find the names and addresses of so many right-wing groups and individuals.

On page 87 is found: "Cuban Student

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Directorate, 107 Decatur St., New Orleans, La., Carlos Bringuer." This was a violently anti-Castro group which participated in several military raids against Cuba—with CIA backing.

Also is found: "117 Camp, 107 Decatur, 1032 Canal—Cuban exile stores." Again, these are strong anti-Communist, anti-Castro groups.

Later, it would be learned that Oswald had strong ties with these groups and had even said on at least one occasion that Fidel Castro should be killed.

The most puzzling entries, for a so-called Communist, appear on page 55:

"Nat. Sec. Dan Burros, Lincoln Rockwell, Arlington, Virginia (sic).

"American Nazi Party (Amer. National Party), Hollis Sec. of Queens, N.Y."

What was Oswald's interest in Lincoln Rockwell and the Nazi Party? What links did he have with an ultra-right-wing militant group which wanted John Kennedy dead, which had ties to disgruntled CIA agents, and which later received a

sizable cash contribution from Richard M. Nixon?

Isn't it more likely that Oswald, as an FBI informant, was trying to infiltrate extremist organizations on both sides of the political fence?

If you aren't convinced by now, take a look at some of the things found among Oswald's personal property when he was arrested—things that are part and parcel of any espionage operation.

Among the things found on him were a Minox subminiature camera, a pair of Nippon Kogaku binoculars, camera filters, a 15-power Wollensak telescope, a pedometer, a compass, a Realist viewmaster, an Ansco flash assembly, a 35-mm camera, a second pair of binoculars, one lens in a hood, a 7x18 telescope, another camera, a variety of film and a mysterious "unknown electronic device in a brown plastic case".

Quite an exotic collection for a warehouse laborer making \$1.25 an hour.

These facts by themselves might seem insignificant, but placed together they would seem to confirm that Oswald was a CIA spy and sometime FBI informer. And the mass of this evidence would also tend to confirm the authenticity of statements made in a letter in which the CIA director is said to have admitted to the Secret Service that Oswald was an American spy sent to eavesdrop on the Russians.

It's obvious that the man accused of murdering President Kennedy was far more important than a socialist warehouse worker who, according to one prominent psychiatrist, killed Kennedy partly because he had troubles with his grammar.

If Oswald was indeed a spy, who did he work with and did any of these people have anything to do with the assassination? More important, did the CIA itself have anything to do with the assassination, as more than one top-ranking CIA agent has claimed?